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1. ETA OF NEW POLITICAL/ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THOMAS W. SONANDRES. TOM SONANDRES HAS ASKED JIM GLENN TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR GARTHOFF RE TOM'S ARRIVAL DATE AT POST.

2. BEGIN QUOTE. PER INFORMS OF EARLY JULY DEPARTURE OF MR. SIMPSON WHOM I AM TO REPLACE AND RAISES QUESTION ON MY SOFIA ETA. THIS OFFICIAL-INFORMAL IS TO INVITE YOUR PREFERENCE.

MINE IS TO ARRIVE SEPTEMBER FIRST, ETA WITH WHICH PER CONCURRED ON MY TAKING ASSIGNMENT LAST SPRING,
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AND AS I UNDERSTOOD LAST DECEMBER, TM NOTWITHSTANDING, ON COMPLETION LANGUAGE/AREA STUDIES, COMMERCE CONSULTATIONS, AND TERRORISM COURSE LAST JUNE/EARLY JULY. THIS ETA ALLOWS TIME FOR PERSONAL PLANS INVOLVING FIRST LONG VACATION SINCE 1966. HOWEVER, IF POST DESIRES, I WILL SHOOT FOR MID-AUGUST ARRIVAL.

OTHERWISE, I WORK HARD TOWARD 3-3 LANGUAGE RATING,
MAINTAIN TWO BULGARIAN CONTACTS OUTSIDE CLASS, TRY

BULGARIAN RECIPES, ACCELERATE READING OF EUR/EE FILES
AND OTHER MATERIAL, AND ANTICIPATE PRODUCTIVE TWO
YEARS AT POST.

PER AND EUR/EE HAVE SEEN MESSAGE, REGARDS, TOM.
END QUOTE. VANCE

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